

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) A Method for operating a steam power plant (~~1, 1'~~) comprising:
providing a steam generator; (~~26~~) and
providing a combustion chamber (~~60, 86~~) associated therewith operatively connected to
the steam generator; , into which
feeding pre-warmed combustion air ~~is fed in addition to~~ and a fossil fuel into the
combustion chamber;
releasing the combustion air ~~being at least partially released~~ in an output-producing
manner after being pre-warmed and before being introduced into the combustion chamber (~~60,~~
~~86~~), ~~wherein;~~ and
setting the output extracted during release ~~is set~~ on the basis of a characteristic value for
the temperature of the combustion air flowing toward the combustion chamber (~~60, 86~~).
2. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 1, wherein a pneumatic conveyor (~~66~~)
provided for compressing the combustion air is driven via the output gained when releasing the
pre-warmed combustion air.
3. (currently amended) A Method according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the combustion
air is pre-warmed within the steam generator (~~26~~).
4. (currently amended) A Method according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the combustion
air is pre-warmed via flue gas flowing from a gas turbine (~~82~~).
5. (currently amended) A Method according to Claim 4, wherein feed water is pre-warmed for
the steam generator (~~26~~) via the flue gas flowing from the gas turbine (~~82~~).

6. (currently amended) A Ssteam power plant (1, 1') comprising:
a steam generator (26) for generating steam; and
a combustion chamber (60, 86) associated therewith operatively connected to the steam generator for the combustion of a fossil fuel, ~~which is the combustion chamber~~ connected on the ~~an~~ inlet side to both a fuel pipe (62) and a fresh air pipe (64) for receiving combustion air, whereby ~~in addition to an air pre-warmer (68, 96)~~ an air turbine (70) is mounted downstream from an air pre-warmer therefrom is mounted in the fresh air pipe (64); ~~wherein and~~
a regulating device (72) assigned operatively connected to the air turbine (70) is, the regulating device connected on the inlet side to a temperature sensor (74) arranged on the fresh air pipe (64).
7. (currently amended) A Ssteam power plant (1, 1') according to Claim 6, wherein the air turbine (70) drives a pneumatic conveyor (66) mounted upstream from the air pre-warmer (68, 96) in the fresh air pipe (64).
8. (currently amended) A Ssteam power plant (1, 1') according to Claim 7, wherein the pneumatic conveyor (66) is designed as an air compressor that can generate an output pressure of approximately 4 to 5 bar.
9. (currently amended) A Ssteam power plant (1, 1') according to ~~one of~~ Claims 6 to 8, ~~whose~~ wherein the air pre-warmer (68, 96) is arranged within the steam generator (26).
10. (currently amended) A Ssteam power plant (1, 1') according to ~~one of~~ Claims 6 to 9, ~~whose~~ wherein the air pre-warmer (68, 96) is mounted on the primary side in a flue gas duct (94) downstream of a gas turbine (82).
11. (currently amended) A Ssteam power plant (1, 1') according to Claim 10, wherein a feed water pre-warmer (98) assigned to the steam generator (26) is mounted on the primary side in the flue gas duct (94) downstream of the gas turbine (82).

12. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the combustion air is partially released in an output-producing manner.

13. (new) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the characteristic value is the temperature level or the pressure.

14. (new) A method according to Claim 2, wherein the combustion air is pre-warmed within the steam generator.

15. (new) A method according to Claim 2, wherein the combustion air is pre-warmed via flue gas flowing from a gas turbine.

16. (new) A steam power plant according to Claim 7, wherein the air pre-warmer is arranged within the steam generator.

17. (new) A steam power plant according to Claim 8, wherein the air pre-warmer is arranged within the steam generator.

18. (new) A steam power plant according to Claim 7, wherein the air pre-warmer is mounted on the primary side in a flue gas duct downstream of a gas turbine.

19. (new) A steam power plant according to Claim 8, wherein the air pre-warmer is mounted on the primary side in a flue gas duct downstream of a gas turbine.

20. (new) A steam power plant according to Claim 9, wherein the air pre-warmer is mounted on the primary side in a flue gas duct downstream of a gas turbine.